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<b>Position Statement 03-2</b>
<b>Assistive Personnel Applying and Measuring Tuberculin Skin Tests</b>

Assistive personnel may apply and measure tuberculin skin tests provided the following requirements are met.

1. The assistive personnel work under the supervision of a Registered Nurse employed by the Arkansas Department of Health.
2. The assistive personnel satisfactorily completes a course in applying and measuring tuberculin skin tests that includes:
  - a. Five rights of medication administration
  - b. Criteria for tuberculin testing
  - c. Technique for administering antigen
  - d. Measuring & documenting negative and reactive skin tests
  - e. Criteria for immediate reporting of results to the nurse
  - f. Minimum of 20 observed applications and 20 observed test measurements & documentations.
3. The assistive personnel contact the RN for direction in determining if a tuberculin test is warranted when new contacts are identified.
4. The assistive personnel notify the RN of any reaction.
5. Competency is periodically re-evaluated and documented by the supervising RN.

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